



Targeted agenda program: An innovative approach to facilitate progress in disaster health

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Abstract:

The Targeted Agenda Program (TAP) has been introduced for the first time during the 15th World Congress on Disaster and Emergency Medicine (15WCDEM) in Amsterdam in 2007 to stimulate interaction between the participants before, during and after the congress. A TAP process consists of 11 steps, starting with defining a relevant issue and ending with the publication of a TAP report based on expert opinions. Seven TAP groups participated during the 15WCDEM. The TAP issues referred to: (1) the need for health impact assessment of disasters; (2) the golden standard for preparedness for a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear disasters; (3) the role of acute psychosocial first aid; (4) the 10 most important issues for policymakers to minimize health effects of floods; (5) the search for a golden standard in the treatment of wounded combatants; (6) the preparedness of health organizations for consequences of extreme weather conditions; and (7) the health problems of high-vulnerability groups during disasters. This article describes the motivation and operational aspects of the TAP and advocates that this concept can play an important facilitating role in focus, networking and enhancement of knowledge in the field of disaster health.

Resource Description

Exposure :

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Unspecified Exposure

Geographic Feature:

resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

Geographic Location:

resource focuses on specific location

Global or Unspecified

Health Impact:

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

Health Outcome Unspecified

Climate Change and Human Health Literature Portal

Resource Type:

format or standard characteristic of resource

Research Article

Timescale:

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified